Cheating in the civil services Examinations

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whethc; .Government's attention has been drawn to he reported large-scale cheating in the Civil Services Preliminary examinations, 1988 done at some centre, in Bihar ;

(b) whether it is a fact that thirty per cent of tne 10,200 candidates who were selected in the 1988 Preliminary examination, havo roll numbers which sequent! illy range from groups of two to ten ; and

(c) what action Governmeat have talcen tn this regard?

THB MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OE PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THB MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRl P. CHIDAMBARAM) (a) to (c) Some complaint with regard to use of unfair means by candidates in the Civil Service, (Preliminary) Examination, 1988 • at Patna Cen.tre ^Bihar) were received in the Cnmmisjion's Office, but, on investigation, the allegations were found to be not correct. Nearly 1,50,000 candidates applied for the examination throughout the country out o[r] whom nearly 85.0OO candidates actually appeared at- the examination.

Tne roll numbers' are allotted to the candidates as per dates of receipt of their appl[i]cat,ions in the Commission's office. A sizeable number of candidates who qualified at the Preliminary Examination 1988 were found to have sequential rol number of 3 or more, lt was* however, observed, from an analysis of tne .i.'.' numbers, tnat many candidates concerned had taken (ifferent optional subjects or had appeared at different centres. It was also observed that tne occti-rrence of sequential roll numbers among succes-ful. candidates was not confined to Patna Centre alone, but had occurred at other centres als). However, as ami when any . compkunts-annonymous or otherwise a-e received in the' Union Public Service Commision, a thorough investigation is made and, on tbe basia of evidence found *zad* punitive action, if necessary, is talcen.

Loopholes in the Civil Services - Preliminary Examinations

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Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the Civil Services Preliminary examinations, many imposters are able to help their friends write the examinations, since the UPSC application system'does not require any certificates or documents of proof;

(b) whether Government are also aware that many fake candidates use only their original photographs and fill in all other data incorrectly, because they have exhausted all the three chances; and

(c) whether Government are^considering to change the pattern of Preliminary examinations to plug these loopholes ?

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